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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

This letter is responsive to the Office communication mailed September 5, 2008 in which the Examiner considered and entered applicant's Rule 116 amendment, but maintained the final rejection of Claims 1-10, 12, and 16-28. The Examiner's reconsideration of the final rejection and entry of the amendment was greatly appreciated. Further consideration is respectfully requested in light of the following. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION - none.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS - none.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 9.